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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner that EP 0 473 305, EP 1 067 519 and EP 0 974 965 are an English equivalent of JP 4-103079, JP 2001-6210 and JP 5-36234, respectively.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a

reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

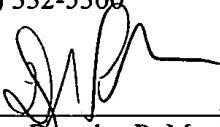
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	US 5,309,421	May 1994	Fujisawa			
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION
						YES NO
JP 2001-6210	JP 2001-6210	Jan. 2001	Japan			
JP 6-139737	JP 6-139737	May 1994	Japan			Abstract
JP 5-342684	JP 5-342684	Dec. 1993	Japan			Abstract
JP 5-274739	JP 5-274739	Oct. 1993	Japan			Abstract
JP 5-89523	JP 5-89523	Apr. 1993	Japan			Abstract
JP 5-36234	JP 5-36234	Feb. 1993	Japan			
JP 4-103079	JP 4-103079	Apr. 1992	Japan			
JP 2-239440	JP 2-239440	Sep. 1990	Japan			Abstract
JP 1-282757	JP 1-282757	Nov. 1989	Japan			Abstract
JP 63-113992	JP 63-113992	May 1988	Japan			Abstract
EP 1 067 519	EP 1 067 519	Jan. 2001	EPO			
EP 0 974 965	EP 0 974 965	Jan. 2000	EPO			
EP 0 586 990	EP 0 586 990	Mar. 1994	EPO			
EP 0 473 305	EP 0 473 305	Mar. 1992	EPO			
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)						



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